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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR
DISCUSSED KOREAN ITEM WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL ASIAN AND
PACIFIC AFFAIRS (ANDREW) AT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AUGUST 20.
ANDREW SAID HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT US POSITION
PARALLELED CANADIAN ON EACH OF THREE MAINS ELEMENTS OF
KOREAN ITEM: (1) CONCURRENT ADMISSION; (2) UNCURK; AND
(3) UNC. ANDREW SAID THAT AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION
OF US APPROACH HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF CANADIAN
DECISION ON OUR REQUEST FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS QUESTION.

2. ANDREW SAID US APPROACH WAS TIMELY AS CONSIDERATION
WAS NOW BEING GIVEN IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO RECOMMEND
THAT PRIMIN TRUDEAU RAISE KOREAN UNGA QUESTION WITH CHINESE
DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING IN OCTOBER. FOR THIS REASON
HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING US RATIONALE ON EACH OF THREE
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POINTS. HE ADDED THAT EXTAFF SECRETARY OF STATE MITCHELL

SHARP WOULD BE DISCUSSING KOREAN ITEM WITH JAPANESE DURING HIS VISIT TO TOKYO AND ASKED IF WE WERE ALSO PLANNING AN APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE. WE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

3. ANDREW NOTED THAT CHINESE WERE MUCH MORE EMOTIONAL ON KOREA THAN THEY WERE ON VIETNAM, RECALLING THAT DURING SHARP'S VISIT TO CHINA LAST DECEMBER, THE CHINESE DESCRIBED THE KOREAN PENINSULA AS "VITAL" TO CHINA.

4. AS SIDELIGHT TO KOREAN QUESTION, ANDREW SAID THE CHILEAN EMBASSY HAD CALLED ON HIM WITHIN THE PAST WEEK AND THE ONLY SUBJECT RAISED WITH THE CANADIAN POSITION ON NORTH KOREA. ANDREW SAID HE DESCRIBED CANADIAN SUPPORT OF A TWO KOREAN APPROACH AS CONSISTENT WITH DOCTRINE OF UNIVERSALITY. TO THE CHILEAN QUESTION ABOUT EVENTUAL CANADIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ANDREW SAID HE REPLIED THAT ADMISSION OF THE TWO KOREAS TO THE UN WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP LEADING TOWARD CANADIAN RECOGNITION BUT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN NORTH KOREA WOULD BE A LONG WAY OFF. ANDREW EXPRESSED CURIOSITY OVER THE CHILEAN INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION AND WONDERED IF THE CHILEANS WERE SOUNDING THEM OUT ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH KOREANS.

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